



INVASIVE SPECIES WATCH LIST

Taeniatherum canput-medusae

Medusahead rye

Blooms May to June.

Grows six to 18 inches tall.

Branching weak stems .

Spiked inflorescences

The seed head a layered look. Awns
dry and twist, in all directions



FLOWER

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IMPACTS

Out-competes other grasses

Rich in silica and unpalatable in late spring

Invaded land becomes almost worthless, for native animals or livestock.

Stiff awns and hard florets can injure eyes and mouths of grazing animals.

Changes the moisture dynamics of the soil

Greatly reduces seed germination of other species

Creates fuel for wildfires.



Infestation

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